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FROM USDEL CSCE

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SUBJ: BELGRADE CSCE: AUGUST 3 MORNING

1. WE INFORMED EARLY MORNING NATO CAUCUS OF THE DISCUSSION
AT THE US-USSR DINNER ON AUGUST 2 AND GAVE ALLIES A COPY OF
THE NON-PAPER WHICH WE GAVE TO SOVIETS SHOWING MINIMUM
WESTERN REQUIREMENTS (TEXT AND DETAILS SEPTEL). CAUCUS
(WHICH INCLUDED FRENCH REP WHO ATTENDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
AT SPECIAL URGING OF USDEL) UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED OUR
NON-PAPER, AND AGREED TO ACCEPT IT TODAY, IF SOVIETS WOULD
DO SO.

2. PLENARY BEGAN WITH AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR
CYPRUS ON THE DEATH OF MAKARIOS AND WAS EXPECTED TO ADJOURN
IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE CONTACT GROUP COULD RECONVENE.
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INSTEAD, SOVIET DELEGATION CAME BUSTLING IN AT LAST
MINUTE AND FANNED OUT TO INSTRUCT THEIR ALLIES. SOVIET REP
(VORONTSOV) TOOK THE FLOOR AND PROPOSED (A) THAT ALL
DELEGATIONS ACCEPT POINT 13 OF THE SPANISH TEX (BELGRADE 5166)
WITHOUT CHANGE, SINCE IT WAS A DELICATE COMPROMISE;
(B) THAT ALL DELEGATIONS AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN'S
STATEMENT, TO BE RECORDED IN THE JOURNAL, WHICH WOULD MEET

THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE WHO HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SPANISH TEXT:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF POINT 13, TO BE RECORDED IN THE JOURNAL WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

1. IN ANY CASE, THE MEETING WILL ADOPT ITS CONCLUDING DOCUMENT, AND SET THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING, BEFORE TERMINATING ITS WORK.
 2. IF THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES DO NOT COMPLETE THE DRAFTING OF THEIR REPORTS BY 9 DECEMBER 1977, THE DRAFTING GROUPS WILL BE CREATED TO ASSIST THE PLENARY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.
 3. NOTHING IN THE DECISIONS OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING, INCLUDING POINT 13, PREJUDICES THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS.
- END TEXT.

COMMENT: SOVIET TEXT RESPONDS IN LARGE MEASURE TO WESTERN CONCERNS WHICH WE OUTLINED TO SOVIETS LAST NIGHT. IT ALSO SHOWS THE IMPRINT OF LATE NIGHT COMMUNICATIONS WITH MOSCOW, AND, INDEED, OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIET DEL RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ONLY JUST PRIOR TO THE PLENARY. THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THE PROPOSED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT IS IDENTICAL TO THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN THE NON-PAPER WE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS AT OUR BILATERAL DINNER, EXCEPT THAT THE SIXTH WORD IS "WILL" INSTEAD OF "MUST." THE SECOND SENTENCE GIVES MORE FORCE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENTION TO SET UP DRAFTING GROUPS CAN BE CREATED ONLY BY CONSENSUS. THE THIRD SENTENCE IS DESIGNED TO MEET UK AND U.S. DESIRE FOR CONFIRMATION THAT CONSENSUS WILL RULE AT THE TERMINATION OF THE MAIN MEETING. SOME HERE BELIEVE THAT IT ALSO COULD BE USED TO ARGUE AGAINST THE FIRMNESS OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE WORKING BODIES. END COMMENT.

3. NATO GROUP CAUCUSED AGAIN, LEARNED THAT THE EC-9 COULD ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DECIDE THAT THEY COULD ALSO ACCEPT IT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SUBSTITUTE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE PROPOSED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT FOR THE LAST SENTENCE OF SPANISH POINT 13. THE TWO COVER THE SAME GROUND IN SLIGHTLY CONFLICTING WAYS. EFFORTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO INCLUDE ALL THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENTS IN AN ANNEX TO THE DOCUMENT ITSELF, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE DOCUMENT WILL BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXPLANATORY CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENTS. THESE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENTS WILL BE RECORDED IN THE JOURNAL WITH THE NOTATION THAT THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FEW OTHER SMALL CHANGES MAY BE INTRO-

DUCED. ROMANIAN DEL, FOR INSTANCE, WANTS "IN ANY CASE"
TO BEGIN BOTH THE FINAL SENTENCE IN POINT 13 AND THE
FIRST SENTENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. CONTACT
GROUP WILL MEET FOR AN HOUR PRIOR TO THE AFTERNOON'S
PLENARY TO WORK OVER THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.
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